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WEATHER BULLETIN.

The signal service issues the following predictions: For lower Michigan—Fair weather; cooler in southeast portion; variable winds; warmer and fair Thursday.

BILL AND FIGURES.

It is interesting to read the figures compiled by the friends of Hill to show that Cleveland is decidedly out of the race for the presidential nomination. Under the democratic rule it requires two-thirds out of a total of 398 delegates to elect. A sanguine statistician figures out that on the first ballot Cleveland will have 453, Hill 336, Palmer 48, Carlisle 35, Boies 26. These results are obtained by dividing the delegations and distributing the votes in accord with reported expressions of individual preferences. But most of the states are instructed to vote as a unit. Michigan for instance will cast its vote solidly for Cleveland, although a few of the delegates seriously doubt his availability. If this same rule shall hold good then by the same authority Hill will have 215 and Cleveland 577, or within twenty-two of the number required to nominate him. Upon this showing of votes, the vote of Kentucky, Illinois or Iowa will be sufficient to nominate. Illinois is practically pledged to Cleveland and Kentucky will swing into line without a dissenting voice. Thus Cleveland would be nominated on the first ballot. It is difficult to compute any set of figures that will block the nomination of Cleveland, yet the Hill men are astute politicians, and they may surmount the difficulty.

UNGENEROUS TO McILLAN.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Eagle, thinks it is ungenerous to call Mr. McMillan the boss of the machine. The Herald thinks it is unpatriotic to apologize for his unparalleled attempts to dictate what action the party shall take in respect to a gubernatorial candidate. The Herald is not so blinded by partisanship that it cannot discover an imperious and arrogant boss in its own party. If Mr. McMillan were not properly the subject for sharp rebuke, the Herald would not administer it. He has shown a desire to corrupt and pollute the primary functions of the republican party by openly attempting to pervert the nomination for the governorship, while holding the office of United States senator and chairman of the republican state central committee. There is no doubt what- ever about that. He is hostile to Mr. Pingree, not because THE HERALD says so, but because he himself has said so. His published interview clearly defined his attitude towards Mr. Pingree, and it was one of unqualified hostility. If his opposition to Mr. Pingree were based on political grounds and confined to his legitimate sphere as a citizen and not as chairman of the state central committee, he would command the respect of all good republicans. But his reasons, by the confession of the Eagle, are personal ones. And what are they? Why, Mr. Pingree, as mayor of Detroit refuses to grant the Detroit Street Railway company, in which Mr. McMillan is one of the heaviest stockholders, a franchise until it shall covenant to provide rapid transit. That is the secret of Chairman McMillan's opposition to Mayor Pingree and that is why he, as Chairman McMillan, is trying to accomplish by trickery and strategy what he cannot do in an open fight. If the Eagle thinks it is ungenerous to expose such duplicity in its own party it will probably continue to aid the Detroit Street Railway company in its efforts to nominate a candidate for governor for the republicans of Michigan.

UNJUST AND CRUEL.

Quartermaster Shank of the Soldier's Home has become a veritable Parkhurst. He has discovered that the old veterans are all of them human and none of them are not more virtuous than men outside its supposed hospitable walls. Before he discovered that they were human and amenable to the law of the state he fed them on putrid fish and axle-grease butter contrary to the statutes. The brave old fellows resented this insult, and instead of shrinking in the rear and firing into his back, poked a warrant for his arrest under his bad-better-proof of evidence. It made him choleric. It made him green with rage, and he forthwith began to pour forth the vials of his wrath. He makes the scolding (?) statement in an evening paper that at least one out of every seven of the inmates drinks beer or other alcoholic beverages. He also audaciously learns that it is wise to inform the public that a few of the men are not strictly moral in their deportment outside the home and that they spend their pension money foolishly. He proposes to cure the few of their improvidence and sinfulness by taking from all the inmates a fixed part of their pensions. This he thinks will put a stop to liquor drinking and dissipation. If he will apply a like rule in relation to the wages of the inmates he will have solved the greatest moral problem of the age. The Soldier's Home is not a reformatory nor a training school. It is a refuge for the injured and disabled veterans of the war. They enter the home with their voice and virtues confirmed by years of

indulgence. They are too old to yield to the subtle treatment prescribed by Shank. Putrid fish and rancid butter together with the appropriation of their scant pensions will not cleanse them of evil tendencies nor make them as pure and angelic as the quartermaster. His attempt to picture the weak and unfortunate victims of depravity as a type of the whole is a monstrous piece of injustice and cruelty.

GENERAL BULLETIN.

Census bulletin No. 185, 188, 189 and 191 relate to agriculture. In Iowa the total area devoted to the cultivation of cereals in 1889 was 12,540,850 acres as compared with an area of 11,490,795 in 1879. In Kansas the total area in cereals was 10,744,180 acres in 1889 as compared with 5,775,150 acres in 1879. In Arkansas the total area in cereals in 1889 was 1,080,308 acres as compared with 1,672,446 acres in 1879. Georgia devoted 3,317,645 acres to cereals in 1889, Alabama devoted 2,514,763 acres to cereals, Florida devoted 421,822 acres to cereals, Delaware devoted 259,650 acres to cereals the same year, having devoted to grain crops ten years previous 3,654,546, 2,851,845, 408,939, 308,008 respectively. In 1889 the total area devoted to cereals in the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut was 580,297 compared with a total area of 746,128 in 1879, a decrease of 155,831 acres. In the cotton producing states in 1889-90, Tennessee devoted a total area of 745,178 acres to cotton, Alabama devoted 2,761,771 acres, Mississippi devoted a total of 2,832,499 acres, Louisiana devoted 1,270,885 acres and Arkansas devoted a total area of 1,700,612 acres. In 1879-80 these states devoted to the cultivation of cotton 2,330,087 acres, 2,106,215 acres, 884,757 acres, and 1,042,976, respectively.

For fifty years England has been a free trade nation. During all that time the condition of her tolling millions has been rapidly growing worse until today Great Britain has more than two million people who go to sleep at night not knowing where their next meal is coming from. Millions of her brutalized operatives in free trade industries toil from daylight till past midnight for a pittance barely sufficient to procure the meanest necessities of life. And this is the level to which the free traders are endeavoring to reduce American labor.

THOUGH many of the political writers on the great London dailies are universally men of the ignorance they manifest when speaking of American politics is astounding. One prominent moulder of British opinion says that "Mr. Blaine is still a formidable candidate for the presidency and that the electoral college may yet put him into the White House when it meets." The mere thought of such a contingency is enough to cause icy chills to run a relay race on the English government's vertebrae.

ALTHOUGH no quorum was present yesterday, it is virtually decided that the Kent Agricultural society will hold a fair next fall. Two successful fairs were maintained last season, and there is no reason why the two societies should not have balances on the right side of the ledger this fall.

THERE was some difference of opinion at the meeting of the Farmers' club yesterday regarding methods of preparing land to withstand floods and droughts; but the opinion was unanimous that almost any kind of a machine is an improvement over the average hired man.

It was expected that one of the aldermen would introduce a resolution in the council meeting Monday night asking that two gangs of men be put to work on the plank of Pearl street bridge. It was not done and traffic of all kinds is greatly interfered with.

TRAINED in the school of active experience and familiar with parliamentary discussions through daily contact with "copy," the printers in session at Philadelphia are giving object lessons to congress in the despatch of business that it might emulate with profit.

MONDAY night's storm in Chicago was a triumph for the tall buildings. The great twelve and fourteen story blocks received the full force of the tempest, but their elastic steel yielded to the force of the tempest and not a wall was damaged or a roof dislodged.

HARRIET BECHER STOWE was 84 years old yesterday. Her "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was written over forty years ago and remains unquestionably one of the most powerful and influential novels known in the history of all literature.

GROVER CLEVELAND may be the nominee of the democratic convention, but the above prophet will have to do some exceedingly rapid hustling to get the necessary two-thirds majority of the delegates.

WEST BRIDGE street residents are clamoring for something to be done on Lincoln park. They say Ball park is all right, but the pretty little Lincoln should have a fair show with it on improvements.

WITH two great fairs and three great horse meetings this summer, the city will be well supplied with that class of entertainment.

"Athen's all right." He was one of the first to congratulate President Harrison and assure him a brilliant victory next fall.

It appears that Mr. Powers is undecided as to whether he will rebuild the opera house—but a new one will be built.

ARE AFTER A SITE

A Kindergarten Building Will Be Erected BY THE KING'S DAUGHTERS

What the Society Has Accomplished in Its Past Year's Work—Election of Officers.

The annual meeting of the free kindergarten circle of the King's Daughters was held yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. J. C. Fitzgerald, on Washington street. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. J. C. Fitzgerald; first vice president, Mrs. Henry Minar Joy; second vice president, Mrs. John Peck; secretary, Mrs. A. B. Mason; treasurer, Miss Grace Delano. The secretary's report gave a resume of the past year's work. About \$1,000 has been expended for the maintenance of the free kindergarten on Ottawa street. Sixty-four children have been cared for at the kindergarten.

The circulating library of the kindergarten has been an especially profitable feature of the work. It now contains 260 volumes, which circulate among the families of the children cared for at the kindergarten. The library is open every afternoon and afternoon, and will be kept open during the summer on Saturday afternoon. Miss Grace Williams is librarian.

The treasurer's report showed that there is a fairly large balance to begin the next year's work. Donations aggregating \$5 were made yesterday. The revenues of the circle come entirely from voluntary subscriptions, though \$108.35 was realized as the circle's third in the lecture course given last winter. The subscriptions are easily obtained and the fifty-five ladies who are carrying on the work give with great liberality.

The kindergarten will be closed Friday, June 24, for the summer. The meeting of yesterday was adjourned to the second Tuesday in September. Among the plans for next year's work are a reading room and a training class in housekeeping. Lessons will be given two afternoons each week at the kindergarten. This addition will entail an expense of \$500 a year. It will be modeled after the Silver street of San Francisco. Mrs. C. VanCleave Ganson will take charge of this work upon her return from Europe. She formerly taught in the Detroit school.

Mr. M. R. Bissell has promised to provide both a site and building for the work in the near future. The building will be put up as soon as a site can be secured. It will be in the northern part of the city. The building will be surrounded by extensive grounds, so that the place may be literally a "kindergarten." Mr. Bissell is now looking for a site. The circle will enter upon its sixteenth year in September.

CAUGHT A BURGLAR.

Sam Johnson Breaks Into Clark's Grocery Store.

I. M. Clark & Co.'s wholesale grocery store was entered by burglar Monday night and a quantity of cigars stolen. Yesterday morning a man employed on the new Y. M. C. A. building discovered the cigars in a barrel in the rear of the store. The burglar was caught waiting for the thief to come for the goods. Last night a man approached the barrel and he was at once arrested and taken to headquarters, where he gave his name as J. Beckwith Jones, and later said he was Sam Johnson. The burglar was arrested by removing the bars from the windows on the Ottawa side, and the police think they have made an important arrest. The value of the recovered goods is upwards of \$100.

MAY NOT REBUILD.

William T. Powers Has Not Fully Decided.

William T. Powers returned from Spear Fish, South Dakota, at 4 o'clock yesterday. When interviewed by a reporter for THE HERALD last night, Mr. Powers said: "I have not been home long enough to get posted on our losses by Saturday's fire. I cannot say what I shall do until I get settled with the insurance companies. I haven't given any thought to the matter of rebuilding and it will be several days before we settle on our future plans. I understand that there are some people here who are very anxious to help somebody rise and a home and I don't know but that I shall let them do it."

LITERARY AND MUSICAL.

Enjoyable Entertainment by the Eastern Star.

The entertainment given by Penina Chapter, Order of Eastern Star No. 65, at the Good Templar's hall on South Division street last evening, was generally attended. The program was as follows: Duet, Mr. and Miss Leavitt; dialogue, "Bashful Boy," Jay Grebel, George Scott, Hiram Garrett, C. Waterbury, Louis Heinemann, Minnie Murray, Mary Brauchman; tableaux, ladies of Eastern Star; duet, Mr. and Miss Leavitt; solo, Miss Newberry. After the visitors had been entertained in a literary way, the doors of the rear hall were opened and refreshments were served.

Historical Illustrations.

The most superb illustrations ever presented to the people of Grand Rapids will be given this evening at 8 p. m. in the West Michigan College chapel by Dr. H. M. Baum of New York, a distinguished divine of that city and editor of the church Review. Dr. Baum's theme is "A D. 1 to 600" and he gives his audience the sights as well as the records of that period. Thursday and Friday the lectures and illustrations will be continued to the present year. Wednesday evening the lecture and illustrations will be free with a collection at the close. Everyone should seize this opportunity to hear and see this most instructive effort.

Held an Entertainment.

St. Agnes guild of St. John's Episcopal mission held an entertainment last evening at the Mission hall, No. 62 South Division street. The entertainment was liberally patronized, and the receipts for the sale of ice cream were entirely in harmony with the large crowd.

Press Club Meeting.

At the adjourned meeting of the Press club held last night, A. A. White and Dennis Schram were unanimously re-elected to their places on the board of directors. A large amount of routine business was transacted and it was decided to appoint a special com-

mittee to assist in entertaining the newspaper men who will attend the furniture men's convention. Action in regard to the selection of new rooms was postponed.

Exhibits the Charred Branches. The city attorney took no action yesterday concerning the complaint made Monday to the city marshal by John Allen, whose lighted trees had been injured by electric light wires. The charred branches which Allen submitted as evidence of damage, will be used as an exhibit in the case against the Electric Light and Power company arising from the order of the city that they remove certain wires that were said to be injuring trees. The company has for a long time claimed that the wires did not injure the trees.

Last evening the hall of the Imperial lodge, No. 427, I. O. O. F., was thrown open to the wives and sisters of the members. The program was as follows: Organ solo, Miss Nettie Scramm; recitation, Miss Florence Lewis; solo, Mr. Wells; recitation, Miss Wells; duet, Alice Stuart and Cora King; recitation, Miss Berle Ferguson; duet, Misses Wells; song, Mrs. Evans; objects and growth of the order, W. S. Stevens. After the program refreshments were served.

Double Marriage Anniversary. The double twenty-fifth marriage anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Herkner and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Rathbone was observed Monday evening at the residence of Mr. Herkner. These families have observed the anniversary jointly for several years. They were aided by a number of their friends, and the gathering was one of the most delightful ever enjoyed by the principals.

Peck-Misner. Charles M. Peck, who for nearly a year was a reporter for THE HERALD, is to be congratulated in winning the hand of Miss Jessie Misner, to whom he was recently quietly married. Miss Misner is a winsome girl and is an accomplished teacher now engaged in one of the city schools. Mr. Peck has recently engaged in business in Detroit and the happy young couple will make their future home in that city.

President of the Commission.

At a meeting of the Michigan Fish Commission President Herschell Whitaker of Detroit resigned the position of president in favor of Dr. J. C. Parker of this city was elected to fill the vacancy. Dr. Parker will continue as president until January 1, when the board will be reorganized.

Sank in a Sewer. William Bettis, a hack driver, was driving on South Division street, near Hall, Monday evening, when his horse stepped on the soft earth over a new sewer and began to sink. While floundering in his efforts to extricate himself he caught his foot in a frog of the street car track and was thrown down. The horse was so badly injured that it will be of little value.

Her Ninety-Fifth Birthday.

Mrs. Bailey, mother of S. S. G. G. and F. F. Bailey, has reached the ripe old age of 91 years, and Monday afternoon her birthday was fittingly observed at her residence at the corner of Henry street and Wealthy avenue. Her children all came home to help make the day enjoyable and the occasion was made a happy one.

Street Sign Orthography.

Some of the street signs in the district recently added to the city on the eastern line have been badly phrased by the sign writer. For instance, Centennial spelled in German, the name of the street and Euclid avenue partially spelled in German. The signs are being corrected by this variation, Euclid avenue.

Their Home Is Washington.

Fred G. Berger, whose family some time ago moved from this city to Taneytown, has recently located in Washington, in a letter to a friend here, Mr. Berger writes: "We are now permanently located in the great capital. It is a lovely city surely and we like it more and more each day."

Don't Like the Air.

The disagreeable smell from the slop and refuse barrels in the rear of Sweet's hotel is wafted through the open windows of police court daily and renders the air so foul that even the "hobos" are sickened. The court officers will be glad when they are moved to the new building, and the air is fairly pure.

Petition Him to Stay.

The local military companies have forwarded a petition to Col. E. M. Irish, asking that he reconsider his determination to resign his commission. Each company in the regiment will do the same.

Burned the Awning.

The awning in front of Wursburg's dry goods store on Canal street caught fire yesterday from a lighted cigar stub thrown on it by some careless person. Aside from the destruction of the awning and a slight scorching of the window casing, no damage was done.

Didn't Have a Quorum.

There was not a quorum present at the June meeting of the directors of the board of trade last evening and an adjournment was taken without date. Secretary Van Assum will probably call a special meeting soon.

Will Take Drawing Lessons.

Carpenter's union No. 771 has engaged an architect to give its members practical instruction in draughting and the first lesson will be given at the close of the lodge meeting Thursday evening.

Railroad Notes.

The Chicago & West Michigan railroad will open its new extension from Mitchell to Petoskey for freight traffic on Tuesday, July 5. The distance is seventy-five miles and the road runs through Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and Connecticut. The road will be operated by the Chicago & North Western railroad. The new line will be a great benefit to the people of the region.

The Rain Monday Night.

The rain Monday night caused a bad washout on the G. & A. railroad near Ravenna. One hundred and fifty feet of track was washed away, delaying traffic until yesterday afternoon, when a train from this city went over the break.

Good Templar Social.

The Valley City lodge of Good Templars gave an informal social at its hall on West Bridge street last night. A musical and literary program was rendered and refreshments served. Seventy-five people attended.

WILL HOLD A FAIR

Directors of the Kent Society Favor It.

COX HAS CHANGED HIS MIND

No Quorum Was Present, But a Majority of the Directors Will Vote to Have a Fair.

The expression of a majority of the directors of the Kent County Agricultural society made at a recent meeting of the board placing them as being opposed to holding a fair this fall has aroused the residents of the southern part of the city and county to a decided opposition to such action. Yesterday was the date for holding the regular quarterly meeting of the society, but the feeling of those interested in the matter the subject was to be brought up for final settlement. Directors Meech and Whitney were present. About twenty residents of the southern part of the county also attended the meeting, among whom were Supervisor N. D. Emmos of Wyoming; Nelson Brewer, Ganes; Richard A. Rounds, J. J. Watson, James W. Pennell, I. D. Davis, H. H. Richards and Michael Fahen of Paris; Frank and Thomas Schuch of the city; Directors Anderson, Fletcher and Garfield were absent, making less than a quorum in attendance. At the last meeting the latter named gentlemen and Secretary Cox voted for the proposition not to have a fair, but Secretary Cox, upon learning of the feeling of the people, has changed his mind and will vote to hold a fair whenever the subject is brought to vote. All present, outside of the board of directors, were unqualifiedly in favor of holding the regular annual fair and expressed themselves decidedly in that direction. The meeting adjourned for lack of a quorum until last evening at 8 o'clock. No quorum being present at that time another adjournment was taken until this morning at 9 o'clock. When the question is voted on it will be supported by a majority of the board of directors, and a fair will be held this fall as usual.

LOCAL HORSE NOTES.

Preparations for the Great August Meeting.

The Grand Rapids Horsemen's association has contracted with the Osteo Chair company for 375 arm chairs and 1,000 ordinary chairs for the grand stand at the West Michigan fair grounds. This will give the grand stand a capacity of 4,050 chairs, 550 of which are arm chairs. Work on the addition to the grand stand is progressing nicely and it will surely be ready for the great crowds expected on July 4, the opening day of the race. The grand stand of the track was never so fast before and that the rain of Monday night did it an immense amount of good.

Don't J. Leathers Received a Letter.

Don't J. Leathers received a letter yesterday from P. Stewart, in which he said: "My two sons, Bob and Johnny, will be Grand Rapids for your great August meeting and will bring my string of trotters with them. Among our flyers is Grant's Abdallah, 2:12, who will be entered in the free-for-all pace."

The free for all pace will be one of the great events of the August meeting. It occurs Tuesday day at the grand station race. Among the entries are Adonis, 2:11; Guy, 2:11; and other fast animals.

The Parket Publishing company has issued a tasteful cloth-bound edition of Judge Burlingame's valuable book on the art of racing rules and terms. Orders are being received for the book from every state in the union.

Frank Klein of Indianapolis yesterday entered his bay gelding, Ben Wallace, 2:28. He is by Hansager, dam Mainbridge Pilot.

The Grand Rapids Horsemen's association will put two men on the road next Monday, whose mission it will be to distribute 6,000 of handsome hangers, announcing the July and August meetings, throughout Michigan. In addition to these, 50,000 illustrated pamphlets of the both meetings will be distributed. With the thorough advertising and the fine attractions the association expects to bring a greater number of people to Grand Rapids in August than were ever here before.

ELECTED NEW OFFICERS.

Last Night's Meeting of the Bicycle Club.

No matter who occupies the White House, the efforts to coerce Canada into the union—which now form a leading feature in United States policy—will be continued, and it is a matter of perfect indifference to us whether Harrison or the democratic nominee is to serve as the figure head for the policy. The duty of Canadians is to look away from Washington altogether and pursue the course best calculated to serve their own interests, without reference to the exigencies of American politics, and that course lies in the direction of closer trade relations with Great Britain.—Toronto News.

Latest Michigan Pensons.

Original—William H. Perkins, Josia F. Erwin, Charles McLean, John Murphy, Henry Heath, Ezra P. Foster, Leroy Mitchell, Patrick Murphy, David H. Miller, A. Fletcher, Charles H. Wolpert, Peter House, Edward Harman, William A. Simons, William Barry, Asa P. Daniels, Chester Darling, Francis S. Bates, Frederick Niefenegger, John Butler (deceased), Archibald McMillan, Addison—John H. Middleton, Arthur H. Allen, Albert W. Ensher, Horace Wilder. Restoration and rescue—George S. Bryant. Increase—George F. Wiselogle, Joel C. White, William Gregg, James F. Jones, John Dawson, William Patterson, Oliver W. Olney, Cyrus F. Coon, Robert R. Backcock, Edson M. Raymond, Alonzo Miller, Reinde—James Baldwin. Original, widows—Giffey Evans.

Both Houses Adjourned.

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